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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 6, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, applicants petition concurrently herewith for a two (2) month extension of time, extending time to respond to and including **December 6, 2005**, and submit the following amendments and remarks. Also, Applicants are submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and requisite fee.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.